

former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offering the deepest condolences of the United States House of Representatives to his wife and family on his death;

Pages H3987–88

Urging the United Nations to Remove the Economic Sanctions Against Iraq: H. Con. Res. 160, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition (agreed to by yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 184); and

Pages H3988–90, H3994–95

Commending Individuals Who Contributed to the Debris Collection Effort Following the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident: H. Res. 222, commending those individuals who contributed to the debris collection effort following the Space Shuttle *Columbia* Accident (agreed to by yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 185).

Pages H3990–93, H3995

Recess: The House recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4013–15.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays vote and recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3993–94, H3994–95, and H3995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Began markup of H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

Will continue tomorrow.

STATE OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “The State of American Higher Education: What are Parents, Students and Taxpayers Getting

for their Money?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM STATE

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the state of the international financial system, IMF reform, and compliance with IMF agreements. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

TAX DOLLARS—HOW MUCH IS LOST TO IMPROPER PAYMENTS EACH YEAR?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Show Me the Tax Dollars—How Much is Lost to Improper Payments Each Year?” Testimony was heard from Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and Kerry N. Weems, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget, Technology, and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING MILITARY OPERATIONS: OVERCOMING BARRIERS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers,” Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, USA, (Ret.), Director, Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Greene, Principal Deputy Assistant, Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration; and William J. Garvelink, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2010 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “The American Community Survey: The Challenges of Eliminating the Long Form From the 2010 Census.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Kathleen Cooper, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs; and C. Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census; Joseph Salvo, Director, Population Division, Department of City Planning, New York City; and public witnesses.

REVIEWING SUDAN PEACE ACT REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Reviewing the Sudan Peace Act Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger Winter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and Walter H. Kansteiner III, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs.

“JOHN ALLEN MUHAMMAD, DOCUMENT FRAUD, AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE PASSPORT EXCEPTION”

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “John Allen Muhammad, Document Fraud, and the Western Hemisphere Passport Exception.” Testimony was heard from Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Roderick Beverly, Special Agent in Charge, Office of International Operations, FBI, Department of Justice; Sharon Palmer-Royston, Chief Legal Officer for Passport Service, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and John E. Fuller, Head of Antiguan Task Force investigating Muhammad’s activities.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1527, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by section, and that each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Mica.

PENSION SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act of 2003, providing 1 hour and 20 minutes of debate in the House, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives George Miller of California, Andrews, Kucinich, Visclosky and Sanders.

USE OF PRIVATE COLLECTION AGENCIES TO IMPROVE IRS DEBT COLLECTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Use of Private Collection Agencies to Improve IRS Debt Collection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both with the IRS; and Pam Gardiner, Acting Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Alan Felton, Assistant Secretary, Examinations and Collections, Department of Revenue, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MAY 14, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the foster care system, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the impact on the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine tissue banks, focusing on federal regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.